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MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2812, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act; H.R. 885, amended, Improved Financial and Commodity Markets Oversight and Accountability Act; H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009; H. Con. Res. 84, Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 356, Supporting support for the designation of February 8, 2010, as the “Boys Scouts of America Day,” in celebration of the Nation’s largest youth scouting organization’s 100th anniversary; H. Res. 370, amended, Expressing support for designation of April 27, 2009, as “National Healthy Schools Day;” H. Res. 388, Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day; H.R. 1817, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the “John S. Wilder Post Office Building;” H.R. 2090, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building;” H.R. 2162, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the “Herbert A. Littleton Postal Station;” H.R. 2173, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the “Carl B. Smith Post Office;” and H.R. 2174, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 18 Main Street in Howland, Maine, as the “Clyde Hichborn Post Office.”

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1728, the “Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.” The rule provides that no general debate shall be in order. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial

Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Perlmuter, Polis, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Dahlkemper, Titus, Bachus, Manzullo, Gary G. Miller of California, Garrett, Sessions, and Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida.

REAUTHORIZE AND MODERNIZE SBA’S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Reauthorize and Modernize SBA’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 23, amended, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009; H.R. 466, amended, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, amended, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1170, amended, To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adopted housing.

HEALTH REFORM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to welcome the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to continue hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century, Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RUSSIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia.